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Dear Henry:

It was a pleasure to hear from you and to learn that your sabbatical at the University of South Florida has been enjoyable. I can imagine that your hard disk would make for interesting reading.

I want to be able to give some concentrated thought to your challenge regarding what a Washington period for you might appropriately and productively include. Right now, we are largely caught up in a flurry of activity around health care reform that allows little opportunity either for reflection or for defining the best fits. Neither Phil Lee nor Joycelyn Elders have been confirmed in their new leadership positions, leaving a number of issues--both organizational and substantive--unclear. It certainly is both an interesting and exciting time, however, and I hope that as things settle out we may be able to talk with you more specifically about drawing you into a role here. In the meantime, I may ask Linda Meyers to chat with you informally about those things that interest you most.

With best regards,

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